

I'm writing to oppose the efforts to weaken NJ's do-not-call law. The 18 month exemption for companies which claim to have done business is not necessary or desired. Companies with whom I have an actual on-going business relationship know when and where they can call me, and this is protected. The companies which are asking for the exemption are doing so (in my opinion) solely to circumvent the do-not-call restrictions on solicitations. I have actually received a few of these. One recent call which comes to mind (I filed a complaint) was from a magazine subscription company. We had subscribed to Time - via mail, not telephone. The company called and began soliciting subscriptions to other magazines. As I didn't know the actual name of the distributor, I didn't know that I had any sort of business relationship with the caller - and I certainly didn't have one which warranted a sales call offering different magazines.

If anything, the existing federal regulations should be strengthened to at least match New Jersey's. I personally would also like some clarification as to whether an unsolicited call to a fax machine where the fax number is residential, shared with voice service and is on the do-not-call list constitutes a do-not-call violation.

Thanks for listening.